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Contact: David L. Yowell
(918) 743-1365**MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT**

(Month of August, 1980)

For the sixteenth consecutive month, seismic exploration for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters has registered an increase over the previous month. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' most recent monthly survey, issued today, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels active during August was 565, compared with 556 in July. The current level of seismic exploration activity is the highest since mid-1956.

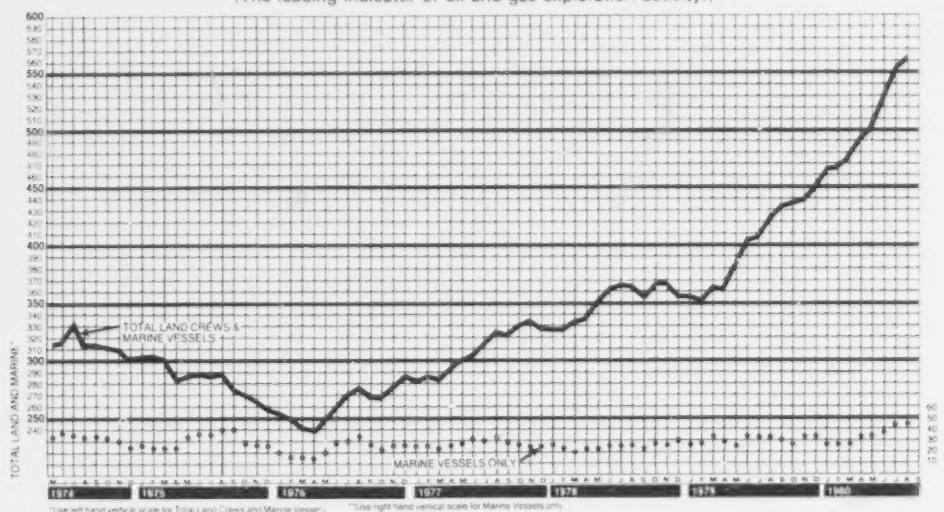
The August total (565) represents an increase of 2% over last month, a 33% increase over August, 1979, a 55% increase over August, 1978, a 73% increase over August, 1977, a 106% increase over August, 1976, a 96% increase over August, 1975, and a gain of 76% over the same month in 1974.

During August, seven contractors were operating nine of their 482 land crews and one of their thirty-six vessels on a speculative basis.

	TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:															
	This Month	Last Month	Aug. '79	Aug. '78	Aug. '77	Aug. '76	Aug. '75	Aug. '74								
	565	556	424	365	326	275	289	321								
	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1977	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1977	Aug. 1976	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974
75 Contr's:	482	475	354	301	261	208	210	247	36	35	25	22	25	28	34	27
10 Oil Co's:	39	39	39	37	34	34	39	40	7	6	5	4	5	5	6	7
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Totals:	521	514	393	338	295	242	249	287	44	42	31	27	31	33	40	34

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



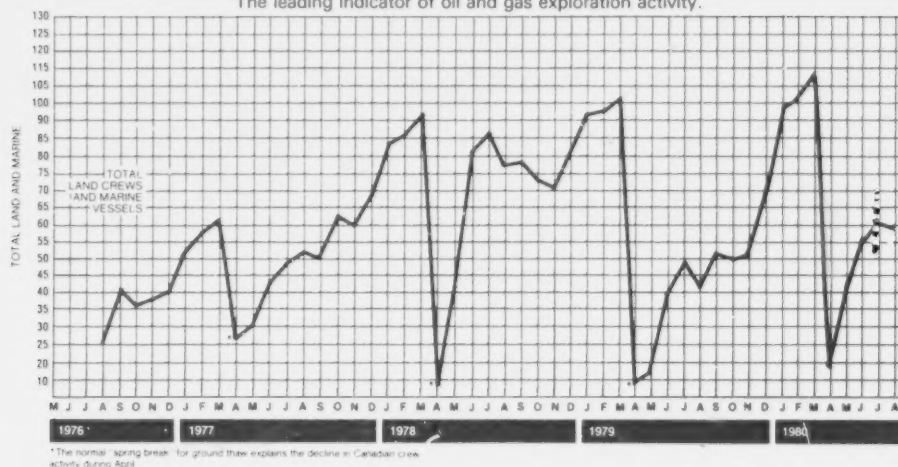
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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August, 1980 (July figures in parentheses)

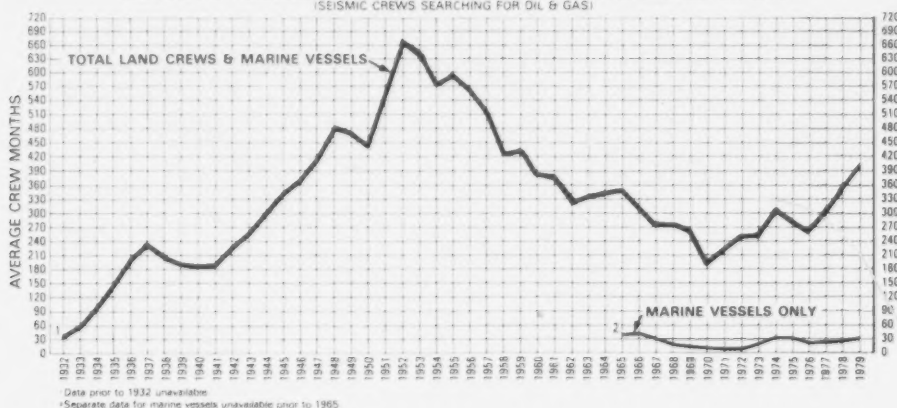
	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
26 Contractors:	49 (54)	5 (2)
4 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	1 (1)
Totals:	<u>53 (58)</u>	<u>6 (3)</u>

The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of September, 1980)

Seismic exploration for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters registered a small gain during the last thirty days, according to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. The Society's most recent survey report, issued today, indicated the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels active during September was 567, up two land crews since August.

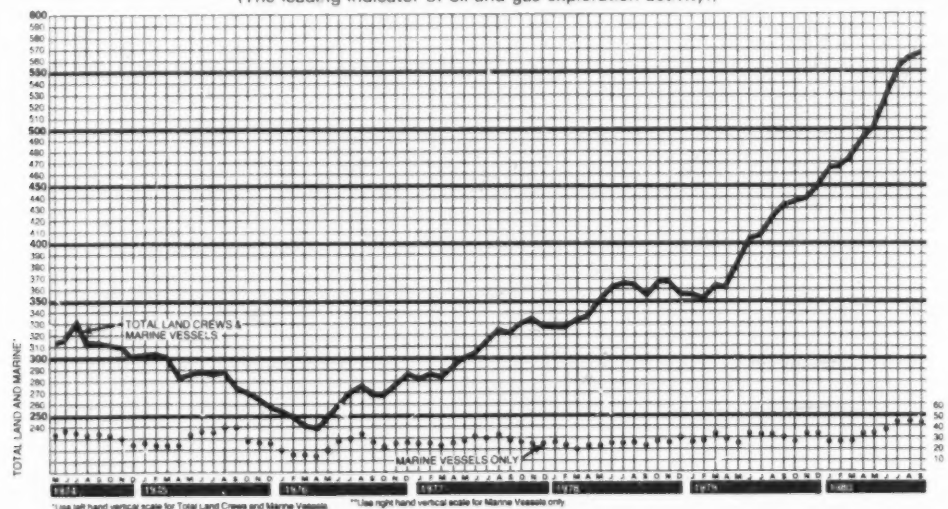
The September total (567) represents an increase of less than 1% over last month, a 31% increase over September, 1979, a 63% increase over September, 1978, a 77% increase over September, 1977, a 112% increase over September, 1976, a 107% increase over September, 1975, and a gain of 77% over the same month in 1974.

During September, seven contractors were operating eight of their 484 land crews and one of their thirty-six vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:		LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
		This Mo.	Last Mo.	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1977	Sep. 1976	Sep. 1975	Sep. 1974	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1977	Sep. 1976	Sep. 1975	Sep. 1974
76 Contr's:	484	482	364	297	257	206	195	246	36	36	24	17	24	23	33	27	
10 Oil Co's:	39	39	39	36	34	34	39	41	7	7	4	3	4	5	7	7	
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Total:	523	521	403	333	291	240	234	287	44	44	30	21	29	28	40	34	

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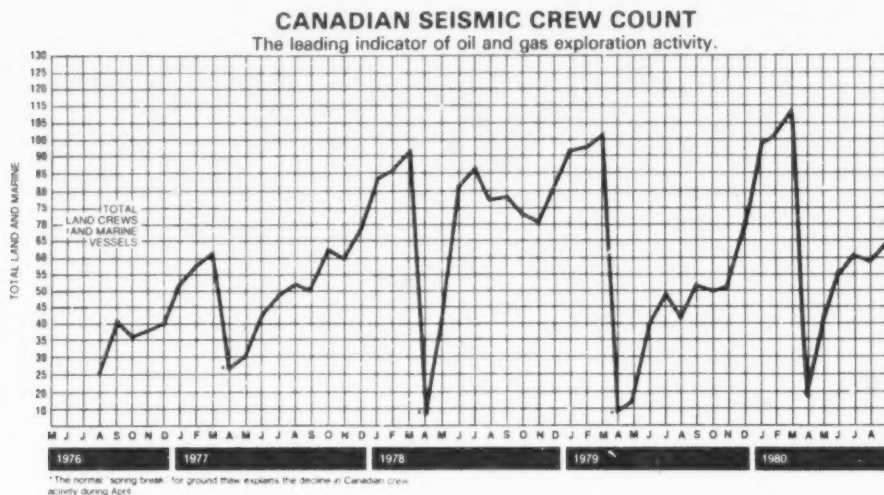
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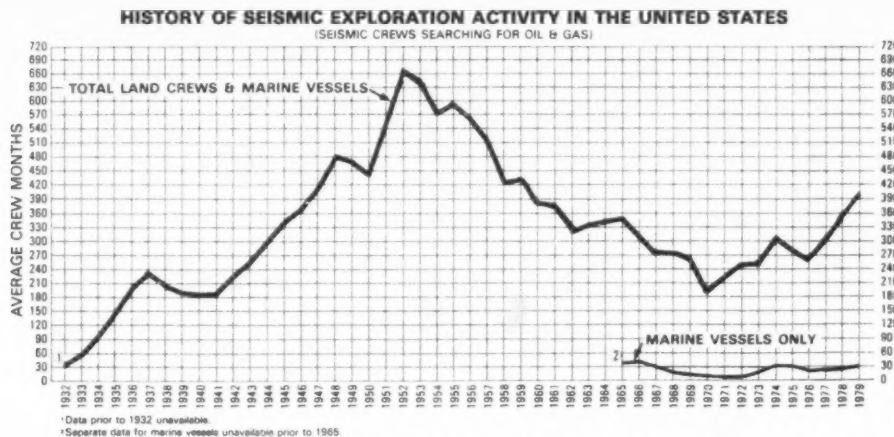
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Totals:	58 (53)	6 (6)



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